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 the Secretary of War  
 By /s/ E. Checket, Major, In

State of Washington )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Pierce )

I, Marshall Sidney Shellhart, of lawful age being duly sworn, on oath depose and say:

I am Marshall Sidney Shellhart, S/Sgt. ASN 6954401. My permanent home address is Allison Addition, Cheyenne, Wyoming. I was captured by Jap troops at Mindinao, P.I. on 10 May 1942, when I was attached to the 19th Bomb. Group of the U.S. AAF. After a period of imprisonment in the Philippines, I was taken to Japan on 11 Nov. 1942, and was placed in camp 5D, Kawasaki until June 1945 when I was taken to Niigata where I was a prisoner until 5 Sept. 1945, when I was liberated.

I observed many beatings of American and other Prisoners of War at camp 5 D, Kawasaki. Most of the beating was without just cause, and the Japanese guards would slap the American prisoners, hit them with sticks, clubs, and steel rods. There were very many instances when the Japanese would beat the prisoners until they were unconscious, and I observed many instances, at least 15, where the Japanese would beat the American prisoners to a state of unconsciousness, and then they would throw water on them, reviving them, and beat them into unconsciousness again. There were many cases of where the American prisoners were burned with punk, the Japanese pretending that they were giving medical care. It was the intent of the Japs to make the men who were really ill get up and work rather than suffer this so-called medical care by burning various parts of their body. A majority of the American prisoners are scarred all over their body by this burning. There were innumerable cases where American prisoners were required to hold their arms straight out and then an object such as a bucket of water or sack filled with beans was placed in their hands, and the prisoner was required to hold this object in this position until he dropped unconscious from fatigue. Many times, when the prisoners dropped the article held, he would be severely beaten with clubs and sticks. Several of the men I recall who were severely mistreated by the Japanese were PFC Litz, of the Marine Corps, from Penn., Pvt. Rubia, USA, reg army, who had about 15 years service.

Some of the Japanese guards who were not attached, to the Japanese Army, but who were probably retired

Jap soldiers were Kobayashi, Kando, Yamido, and other who had nicknames such as Speedo, Slick pants, and Peter Rabbit.

[There were at least three or four cases of collective punishment in this camp while I was there. An American prisoner had written V for Victory on the wall, and 250 prisoners of his group were required to stand at attention all of one night, until 4 a.m. the next night, and until 2 a.m. the third night. During the intervening day, we were required to do our usual heavy manual labor. We missed out on six meals during the three days. During this episode, many men because of their weakened condition, would drop to the ground unconscious from their fatigue or sickness, and the Japanese would throw water on them, and revive them and require them to continue to stand at attention with the rest.]

/s/ Marshall Sidney Shellhart  
S/Sgt. 6954401

Witnesses:

/s/ Elmore P. Biles

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 7th day of October 1945, at  
Fort Lewis, Washington.

/s/ Arthur G. Bouley  
ARTHUR G. BOULEY  
CWO, U S A  
Asst Adjutant General  
ASFTC Fort Lewis, Wash.

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

/s/ Everett Cheetet  
EVERETT CHECKET  
Major Infantry

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/s/ E.C.

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マーシャル・シドニー・シエルハート……

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私ハ川崎ノ五〇D收容所ニ於テアメリカ人及ビ他  
ノ俘虜ガ殴打サレルノヲ多ク見タ。殴打ノ大部分  
ハ正當ノ理由ナク日本ノ衛兵ガアメリカ俘虜ヲ平  
手打ニシタリ、杖、棍棒、鐵棒デ打ツタリスルノ  
ダツタ。日本人ガ俘虜ヲ意圖ノ無クナル迄殴打シ  
タ例ハ非常ニ多クツタ。ソシテ私モ多クノ例、少  
クモ十五回日本人ガアメリカノ俘虜ヲ意圖ヲ失ツ  
テ了フ迄殴打シテ次ニ水ヲ浴ビセテ息ヲ吹キ返ラ  
セ、再ビ意圖ノ無クナル迄殴打スルノヲ見タ。  
日本人ハ醫療ヲスル様ナフリヲシテガラ、アメリ  
カノ俘虜ヲホクチデ焼イタ例ガ澤山アル。日本人  
ノ意圖ハ本當ノ病人ガ身体ノ色シナ部分ヲ焼ク此  
ノ所謂醫療デ苦シムヨリモ寧ロ起キテ働ク様ニス  
ルコトダツタ。アメリカノ俘虜ノ多數ハコウシテ  
焼カレタノデ身体中傷痕ダラケニナツタ。アメリ  
カノ俘虜ガ腕ヲ眞直グ前ニ伸ベスコトラ命ゼラレ、  
次イデ水ノ入ツタベケツトカ豆ヲ一杯入レタ袋ト  
カ云フヤウナ品物ヲ手ニ取セラレ、疲勞カラ氣ガ  
遠クナルマデ、コノ品物ヲソノママ持ツテ后ルヨ

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ウ命令サレタ例ハ數ヘラレナイ程アル。屢々俘虜  
ガ持ツテキル品物ヲ落シタ時ニハ彼ハ棍棒ヤ被デ  
齒ク打タレルノダツタ。日本人カラ語イ處待ヲ受  
ケタ人々ノ中私が想ヒ出ス數人ノ人ハ「ペンシル  
ベニア州」出身ノ海兵隊ノ一等兵「リッツ」、約  
十五年勤勞シテキル米國正規軍兵卒「ルビア」デ  
アル。

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体的懲罰ガアツタ。或ルアメリカノ俘虜ガ「V」印デ  
勝利ナリ「V FOR VICTORY」ト壁ニ書イタノデ、  
二五〇人ノ彼ノ班ノ俘虜ハ一晚中翌晚ハ午前四時  
迄、ソノ翌晚ハ午前二時迄不動ノ姿勢デ立タサレ  
タ。ソノ間我々ハ日中ハイツモノ通りノ重勞働ヲ  
命ゼラレタ。ソノ三日間ニ我々ハ六回食事ニアリ  
ツケナカツタ。此ノ事停ノ間ニ多クノ人ハ衰弱ノ  
爲疲勞或ハ病氣カラ氣ヲ失ツテ地ニ倒レタガ日本  
人ハ彼等ニ水ヲ浴ビセテ息ヲ吹キ返ラセ他ノ者ト  
一緒ニ不動ノ姿勢ヲ續ケルコトヲ命ズルノダツタ。